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1. OVER EASTER WEEKEND I HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH
NIELS ERSBOLL, MFA'S UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
RE EMB. STRAUSS' VISIT. ERSBOLL THOUGHT THAT IN ADDITION
TO DISCUSSING SPECIFIC DETAILS ON MTN NEGOTIATIONS, DANES
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING AMBASSADOR STRAUSS' VIEWS
ON THE FOLLOWING TWO OVERALL POLITICAL PROBLEMS:

A. HOW DO AMERICANS INTEND TO BRIDGE THE
DIFFERENCES, WHICH DO EXIST, BETWEEN USG
AND EC ON THE MTN? WHAT TACTICS DO AMERICANS
BELIEVE WILL GET THE RESULT DESIRED BY BOTH USG
AND DENMARK, I.E. THE NEGOTIATION OF A MEANINGFUL
TREATY IN 1978.

B. HOW DOES USG INTEND TO DEAL WITH THE
JAPANESE POSITION WHICH THE DANES BELIEVE

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IS INADEQUATE? SPECIFICALLY THE 18

PERCENT AVERAGE TARIFF REDUCTION OFFERED BY
THE JAPANESE COULD UNDERMINE THE ENTIRE MTN
NEGOTIATIONS. ALSO DANES BELIEVE JAPANESE
OFFER IS NOT PRECISE ENOUGH.

2. ON THE MORE TECHNICAL SIDE, ERSBOLL THOUGHT THAT THE DANES WOULD LIKE TO HEAR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS' VIEW ON HOW TO APPROACH THE AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM. SPECIFICALLY, US AND COMMISSION APPEAR TO HAVE DIFFERENT ATTITUDES ON SUBSIDIES OR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS. ERSBOLL ALSO MENTIONED IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A CLARIFICATION OF THE AMERICAN POSITION ON SAFEGUARDS. FINALLY, ERSBOLL SAID THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HEAR THE AMERICAN REACTION TO THE COMMISSION'S EVALUATION OF THE U.S. OFFER.

3. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE MTN MATTERS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE 113 COMMITTEE, ERSBOLL DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT MTN MIGHT BE RAISED BY ONE OF THE EC MEMBERS IN THE APRIL 4 COUNCIL MEETING. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, THEN THE DANES WOULD ALSO RAISE THAT MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR STRAUSS I THE COURSE OF THE APRIL 6 MEETING.
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